

State Funded Olympics

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The Soldier Hollow Legacy Team went before the state legislators this week, and they pitched a grand bid for the big boys, and girls - with bucks - to help bring off the Olympics with a bang. After wowing and zowing the legislators with tales of Olympians rubbing shoulders with the common folk on the trails that would surround Soldier Hollow and presenting the valid reasons behind putting the venue on the map for time and all eternity, the entire issue came down to cold, hard cash.

Some legislators even went so far as to proposing the sale of Soldier Hollow to a private entity.

The state legislature has a track record for finding the investment capital for such private ventures as Soldier Hollow. Shortly after the 2002 Olympics were announced as coming home to Utah, the state put out 59 million in capital, to be paid back for sure, to the Kearns Oval and the Winter Sports Park.

The speed skating venue and the bobsled, luge and ski jumping sites are privately owned. They will be under the rule of the state and SLOC through the 2002 Winter Games, but they are to return to a sports management group after the Olympics. This group is a non-profit group, yes, but still private in nature.

The legislature has found it in their hearts to also set up a Legacy Fund to help cover the cost of operating and maintaining these two privately owned sites with a \$40 million dollar endowment.

That brings the tally to \$99 million dollars in capital

investment for the two sites in question. At the meeting in the state capitol last week, there were legislative members that made it plain that they would not fund any, specifically Soldier Hollow, for Legacy purposes.

The committee even went so far as to ask the private sector to come up with the funding for the Legacy of Soldier Hollow.

So follow the trail of rubbish with me.... State legislators are willing to put up \$99 million dollars in capital investment for the privately owned speed track at the Kearns Oval, as well as the bobsled, luge and ski jumping venues at the Winter Sports Park. But they are not willing to help with the capital investment, that will likely be only ten percent of the \$99 million already spent, for a state owned facility - Soldier Hollow.

Not only will they not fund it, but they want the private sector to fund in for them.

It seems to me that the legislators are willing to pour money, our tax dollars, after private enterprise but they want us, the people, to fund something they own.

To top it off, it seems our own legislative representative is of the opinion that no dollars should be spent on any other Olympic sites, including Solider Hollow.

At the meeting last week, speaking on behalf of both the Chair of the Sports and Recreation Committee - Rep. Beverly Evens, and himself, Rep. Jordan Tanner made it clear that they were against any funding for the Soldier Hollow Legacy fund.

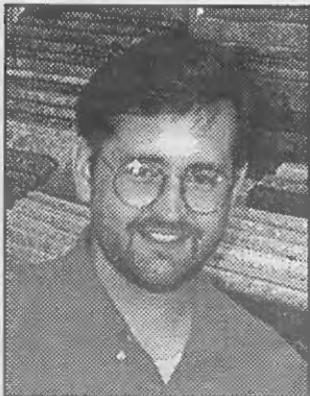
Maybe if we sold Soldier Hollow to a private group the state would fork over the cash for capital investment. Seems the legislators like privately run organizations better than state run ones. After this week, and the things I heard from the state capital, I tend to agree.

Movers & Shakers



Wasatch County's first full service day spa and salon, *The Rocky Mountain Perfection, Co.*, recently opened in Heber City. Owner, Audra Ashton says the salons features haircuts, color, nails, pedicures, perms, body wraps, massage therapy, facials, waxing, and electrology. Ashton has worked in the beauty industry for approximately ten years and lives in Midway. She is joined in the salon by Diana Norton, massage therapist; Sally Webb, massage therapist and facialist, Maurine McQuivey, facialist and electrologist. Rocky Mountain Perfection is located west of the new historical bank building, 31 West Center, Heber City, 654-5292.

Larry J. Coet, Chevrolet, Pontiac, and Buick recently named **Jim Davenport** as the dealership's new Service Manager. Davenport joined the Coet's Heber City team in July and has 25 years of service experience.



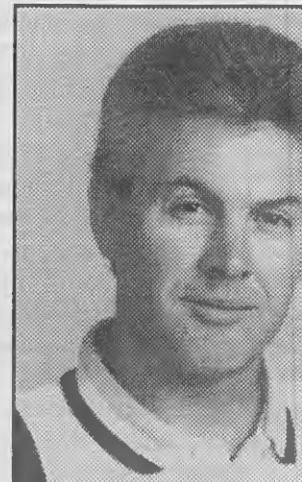
Ogden's Carpet Outlet welcomes **Carl Green** as manager of the outlet's Heber City location. During the past three months Green has served as manager and has worked in the flooring industry for several years. He is the former owner of a courier service specializing in medical product delivery throughout Utah. Green can be reached at the Ogden Carpet Outlet at 2210 South Highway 40, Suite C. or by calling 657-1129.

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